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SUBJECT: PROJECT BOSS - OENO ISLAND

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1. FCO HAS RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO
PROPOSED ABANDONMENT IN PLACE OF RADAR TOWERS ON
OENO ISLAND:

A) WHAT DISPOSITION DOES USAF PLAN FOR
RADAR REFLECTORS NOW MOUNTED ON TOWER?

B) IF WE PLAN TO RECOVER THESE REFLECTORS,
IS THERE POSSIBILITY THAT PERSONNEL DOING
WORK COULD TRANSPORT TOWER SECTIONS TO
PITCAIRN ISLANDS (AS ISLANDERS ARE HALF
A DAY'S VOYAGE AWAY AND HAVE ONLY THREE
LONGBOATS IN WHICH TO CARRY SALVAGED TOWER
SECTIONS?

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT SAME CONSIDERATIONS THAT MAKE
DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OF TOWERS BY US PERSONNEL NON
COST EFFECTIVE PROBABLY APPLY TO HAULING DISMANTLED
TOWERS TO PITCAIRN FOR ISLANDERS. NEVERTHELESS WE
AGREED SOUND OUT DEPARTMENT ON MATTER. REQUEST GUIDANCE

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THIS POINT, AS WELL AS ON PLANS FOR REMOVAL AND FOR

DISPOSITION OF RADAR REFLECTORS.

3. FCO RECENTLY HAS HEARD FROM GOVERNOR (WHO RESIDES IN NEW ZEALAND) ON SEVERAL PITCAIRN MATTERS, BUT TOWERS NOT MENTIONED. AS RESULT, THEY ARE EXPLORING THE MATTER NOW WITH HIM AND ISLANDERS THEMSELVES. IN VIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, IT MAY BE SOME WEEKS BEFORE ALL QUESTIONS CAN BE RESOLVED TOTALLY AND A RECOMMENDATION MADE TO HMG. FCO OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN PRINCIPLE WITH USAF PROPOSAL, BUT THEY WANT TO INSURE THAT FACTS ARE AS STATED AND ISLANDERS HAVE CAPABILITY AS WELL AS DESIRE TO REMOVE TOWERS TO PITCAIRN.

4. IN MEANTIME, REQUEST COPIES OF 14 MARCH 1969 NOTES BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY. OUR FILES FROM 1969 HAVE BEEN RETIRED, AND FCO HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ABLE TO UNEARTH COPIES.

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